Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The organization that would become The Co-op Natural Foods was formed in 1973 by four farm households who travelled to find economical, whole foods; and,

Whereas, The organization grew quickly into a buying club and opened a storefront in Sioux Falls for a business initially known as East Dakotah Cooperative; and,

Whereas, Co-op Natural Foods evolved into a locally owned, locally controlled grocery store with a mission of providing high-quality foods in the most environmentally friendly and cost-efficient way possible; and,

Whereas, Co-op Natural Foods supports local and organic producers as much as possible, carries products from 30 local suppliers, and is looking to add more; and,

Whereas, Co-op Natural Foods is now a business fixture in Sioux Falls with more than 2,500 member-owners and is celebrating 40 years of operation; and,

Whereas, Co-op Natural Foods strives to serve its members and customers and be a good corporate citizen in South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 17, 2013, as

CO-OP NATURAL FOODS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State